Today's News - January 20, 2004

WTC memorial "sets the mood." -- Green goals for Ground Zero. -- Walker wins a medal. -- The value of competitions. -- An architectural "Star Search" in Los Angeles as teams of Who's Who compete for Grand Avenue. -- Controversy continues around the New Acropolis Museum (and not much hope of being ready for a close-up during Olympic Games). -- Beijing's new Olympic Stadium a work of art in itself. -- NYC prepares for growth (and preservation) with sweeping zoning changes and development incentives; a symposium takes a look at what's really up. -- BBC's newest buildings "wow" workers -- and neighbors. -- A university in Scotland takes on the 21st century. -- Vancouver gets a dazzling retail palace. -- In Sydney, an exhibition, a book, a new architecture association, and a ruling that protects a view beg the question: "If buildings are stages for human events, why is a view-over-coffee so much more important than a cup of hot soup?" -- Trying to save a Los Angeles landmark deemed "pure 1950s razzle dazzle." -- Edinburgh's new "design champion" (or so rumor has it). -- A new dean of architecture for Syracuse University. -- Sydney hosts premiere design expo in April. -- A documentary of ULI's Hines Student Design Competition. -- In London, a dazzling show of black & white architectural photos c. 1920s-70s.

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WTC memorial: 'Reflecting Absence' sets the proper mood: At this point no further debate is needed. It is time to build. By Steve Mannheimer - Michael Arad; Peter Walker- Indianapolis Star

At Ground Zero, Rebuilding With Nature in Mind:..."green" goals have never been applied to anything as large...when complete will contain about as much commercial space as the city of Indianapolis.- New York Times

Peter Walker wins Thomas Jefferson Medal- The Cavalier Daily (University of Virginia)

Competitions reward community with heightened sense of pride, design...encouraging talented practitioners to put forth their best efforts... By Whitney Gould- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Let the Show Begin: Grand Avenue Competition Will Find High-Profile Developers Jockeying for the Limelight. By Sam Hall Kaplan - Frank GehryDaily Genk Architect/Olin Partnership/Leen Novell/Zaha Hadid; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill/Eckhaus/Manfredi Architects/Brenda Levey Arquitectesca/MVE/the SWA Group/Melendrez Design Partners; Jerde Partnership/Johnson Fain/Rios Clemente Hale Studios- LA Downtown News

Greece's Colossal New Guilt Trip: A museum designed by Bernard Tschumi will sit below the Acropolis and, Greece hopes, someday hold the Elgin Marbles. By Fred A. Bernstein [slide show]- New York Times

Iconoclasm rules: how Herzog and de Meuron work with conceptual artist Ai Weiwei on Beijing's new Olympic stadium. By Hugh Pearman-HughPearman.com (UK)

Remaking, or Preserving, the City's Face:...projects on display at the Center for Architecture show a city transformed, but they are only a small fraction of the planning projects and zoning proposals under study or recently adopted... - New York Times

Backwards and Big Plans: Building 21st Century New York: January 29 symposium will focus on New York's economic and cultural development- Center for Architecture (NY)

Stairways to sociability: In the BBC's newest buildings, the stairs are designed to encourage chance meetings, while outside a street has been built to establish links with people living nearby. It's a triumph of mature thinking. By Giles Worsley - Allies and Morrison [image]- Telegraph (UK)

Architects named for Scotland's first University campus of the 21st century - Dyer Associates- Archiseek.com

East meets West at Aberdeen: The new Richmond mall will include several new-to-Vancouver retailers from Asia... Aberdeen Centre's architecture has gone beyond the post-Chinatown clichés... to something entirely more original and dynamic. By Trevor Boddy - Bing Thom [images]- Vancouver Sun

All the world's a designer stage: The battle of form and function shapes art, a grand tour and a moral dilemma: "More Talk About Buildings and Mood" exhibition by Callum Morton and "The Grand Tour" book by Harry Seidler reviewed by Elizabeth Farrelly- Sydney Morning Herald

Banking on Unique Building's Presence: Julius Shulman...lent his clout to an effort by preservationists to protect the former Glendale Federal Savings & Loan Assn. building and annex [1959]... W.A. Sarmiento; Maxwell Starkman- Los Angeles Times

New post to boost capital's building projects: ...new "design champion" for Edinburgh [said to be] Sir Terry Farrell- The Scotsman (UK)

Syracuse University selects architect dean: Mark Robbins, former director of design for the National Endowment of the Arts- Syracuse Post-Standard

The hub of Australian design: premier design exhibition, designEX COMFA, will return to Sydney for the 2004 event in April.- Infolink (Australia)

Black and white magic: Some of the finest buildings in the world have been captured in an inspiring photography exhibition. Jonathan Glancey is dazzled-Guardian (UK)
Urban Land Institute documentary video of all stages of 2003 Gerald D. Hines Student Urban Design Competition now online - Urban Land Institute

-- Massimiliano Fuksas: Congress Center, EUR District, Rome
-- PTW: National Swimming Centre, 2008 Olympics, Beijing

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